

**Table 25.—Percent of elementary and secondary school children whose parents are involved in school activities and distribution of children by average grades, by selected child, parent, and school characteristics: 1996**

Characteristics of children, parents, and schools	Percent of children whose parents <sup>1</sup> report that they—				Distribution of children, by parental reports of number of times spent helping with homework per week <sup>2</sup>				Distribution of children, by parental reports of average grades in all subjects <sup>2,3</sup>			
	At-attended a general school meeting	At-attended parent-teacher conference	At-attended a class event	Volun-teered at school	Less than once per week	1 or 2 times per week	3 or 4 times per week	5 or more times per week	Mostly A's	Mostly B's	Mostly C's	Mostly D's or F's
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>76.4</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Sex of child</b>												
Male .....	75.6	71.9	64.5	38.7	27.4	33.5	26.2	12.9	32.5	38.3	23.5	5.7
Female .....	77.3	69.3	67.8	40.6	25.9	36.9	25.4	11.8	46.9	37.2	13.2	2.7
<b>Race/ethnicity of child</b>												
White, non-Hispanic .....	78.5	71.2	70.9	44.5	28.2	37.0	24.8	10.1	43.7	36.1	16.5	3.7
Black, non-Hispanic .....	71.9	68.0	56.0	29.5	21.9	30.0	28.6	19.5	27.0	41.0	26.2	5.8
Hispanic .....	72.7	70.7	54.8	27.7	25.4	31.1	27.9	15.6	31.9	43.6	19.6	4.9
Other, non-Hispanic .....	72.6	71.4	63.4	36.2	24.3	37.5	26.1	12.0	44.7	33.7	17.1	4.5
<b>Highest education level of parents</b>												
Less than high school .....	57.6	62.5	42.4	18.3	28.7	30.0	24.5	16.7	29.0	39.0	23.9	8.1
High school graduate .....	71.1	68.2	59.5	31.1	26.4	34.2	25.7	13.6	30.5	40.5	23.1	5.9
Some postsecondary .....	77.4	71.1	68.4	40.2	26.4	35.8	26.1	11.6	36.9	40.1	19.1	3.9
College graduate .....	86.1	75.1	75.5	52.2	25.4	38.8	25.3	10.5	52.5	32.9	12.7	1.9
Graduate/professional .....	87.6	75.1	81.0	56.8	27.9	35.1	26.8	10.2	58.2	30.9	9.8	1.1
<b>Family income</b>												
Less than \$5,000 .....	67.0	68.3	49.8	27.0	23.7	28.3	27.7	20.4	28.9	38.8	23.3	8.9
\$5,001 to \$10,000 .....	63.8	67.4	49.6	24.4	26.7	32.1	27.6	13.7	26.6	41.9	24.6	6.9
\$10,001 to 15,000 .....	67.4	66.9	60.3	29.9	26.8	36.0	22.7	14.6	28.0	39.8	26.0	6.2
\$15,001 to 20,000 .....	69.1	67.4	55.8	26.8	27.7	33.3	23.4	15.6	32.7	38.4	21.6	7.3
\$20,001 to 25,000 .....	69.0	68.7	58.5	29.2	25.9	34.9	26.5	12.7	34.4	40.8	20.6	4.2
\$25,001 to 30,000 .....	72.0	69.2	61.7	33.0	28.1	34.8	27.3	9.8	33.0	42.0	19.8	5.2
\$30,001 to 35,000 .....	79.0	69.1	68.8	41.6	27.9	35.6	24.8	11.6	40.0	38.0	18.1	3.9
\$35,001 to 40,000 .....	78.9	72.8	69.6	41.7	24.9	37.3	27.0	10.7	40.4	37.3	19.4	2.8
\$40,001 to 50,000 .....	80.7	73.9	72.8	45.3	27.1	35.3	25.3	12.4	43.2	36.0	16.8	4.0
\$50,001 to 75,000 .....	83.9	72.2	75.0	49.1	25.9	37.0	26.3	10.8	50.2	32.7	14.9	2.2
Over \$75,000 .....	88.2	73.8	79.1	57.3	28.3	36.6	25.1	9.9	51.0	36.8	10.9	1.3
<b>Child attending public schools<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8) <sup>4</sup> .....	80.2	79.8	67.8	39.4	15.5	35.1	33.2	16.2	43.2	36.6	16.3	3.9
Secondary (grades 9 to 12) <sup>4</sup> ...	63.2	47.7	57.5	25.5	52.0	37.7	7.7	2.5	29.6	40.2	24.5	5.7
<b>Child attending private schools<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8) <sup>4</sup> .....	92.2	87.8	86.1	70.8	14.5	28.5	37.0	19.9	55.7	35.3	7.5	1.4
Secondary (grades 9 to 12) <sup>4</sup> ...	85.0	67.4	73.7	54.4	57.4	29.0	10.8	2.8	40.9	37.7	20.4	1.0

<sup>1</sup> The respondent was the parent most knowledgeable about the child's education. The responding parent reported on their own and their spouse's or other household adults' activities. Except where noted, includes children enrolled in nursery school through grade 12.

<sup>2</sup> Includes children enrolled in grades 1 through 12.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes children whose programs have no classes with lettered grades.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes home-schooled children.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey, 1996, unpublished data. (This table was prepared December 1998.)